## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is directed to a method and mechanism for accessing recovery log information in a database system. The data stored in the recovery log is presented as a relational database "view," which can be queried and accessed using relational database statements even though the underlying recovery log data may be stored in a non-relational format. According to an aspect of the invention, the recovery log data is thus encapsulated by the view presented to users of that data.